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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18-26 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 19, 22, 23 and 26 have been amended and claims 21 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 19, 20, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spaur et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,122,514) in view of Quick, Jr. The Examiner further objected to claims 21, 22, 25, and 26 as containing allowable subject matter. While not necessarily acquiescing to the aforementioned art rejection as set forth by the Examiner, and to further advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended independent claims 19 and 23 to include the limitations of respective claims 21 and 25. Applicants believe all claims are now in condition for allowance.

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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